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SUBJECT: AYARI VISIT TO U.S.

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1. TUNISIAN EMBASSY HAS, AT OUR REQUEST, CABLED AYARI FOR CLARIFICATION OF HIS SCHEDULE AND AYARI HAS SPOKEN ON PHONE WITH AMBASSADOR HEDDA MORNING OF DECEMBER 9. AS A RESULT OF THIS CONVERSATION, TUNISIAN EMBASSY ASSURES US THAT INFORMATION REGARDING AYARI'S SCHEDULE IN REFTEL WAS NOT UP-TO-DATE. TUNISIAN EMBASSY OFFICER MET WITH DESK OFFICER AND OPIC OFFICIAL ON DECEMBER 9 TO OUTLINE PRESENT PLANS FOR AYARI'S VISIT.

2. AYARI WILL SPEND JANUARY 9 THROUGH 11 IN NEW YORK CITY WHERE MEETINGS ARE BEING ARRANGED BY CHASE MANHATTAN BANK, BANKER'S TRUST, FNCB, AND MORGAN GUARANTY. IN ADDITION TO MEETING CLIENTS OF THESE BANKS IN SMALL UNCLASSIFIED

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GROUPS, OPIC IS ASSISTING TUNISIAN EMBASSY IN IDENTIFYING

OTHER BUSINESS CONTACTS.

3. AYARI PLANS TO ADDRESS ACADEMIC GROUP AT PRINCETON UNIVERSITY ON JANUARY 13. AYARI WILL RETURN TO NEW YORK

JANUARY 14 FOR ALREADY SCHEDULED LUNCHEON AND DINNER WITH OPEN TIME FOR FOLLOW-UP MEETINGS WITH BUSINESS CONTACTS MADE PREVIOUS WEEK.

4. AYARI WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR MEETINGS WITH USG OFFICIALS ON THE AFTERNOON OF JANUARY 15 AND ALL DAY JANUARY 16. THE DAY OF JANUARY 17 IS BOOKED FOR MEETINGS AT THE IBRD.

5. BANK OF AMERICA IS ASSISTING IN ARRANGING MEETINGS FOR AYARI IN SAN FRANCISCO ON JANUARY 20 AND 21. TENTATIVE PLANS ALSO CALL FOR AYARI TO ADDRESS FOREIGN AFFAIRS COUNCIL OF SAN FRANCISCO. THE BALANCE OF AYARI'S SCHEDULE IS STILL OPEN. FORMER AMBASSADOR CALHOUN HAS PROPOSED THAT AYARI SPEAK TO AN ACADEMIC GROUP AT BERKELEY AND TUNISIAN EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT AYARI WILL WISH TO ACCEPT. FURTHER POSSIBILITIES INCLUDE BUSINESS CONSULTATIONS IN LOS ANGELES AND A TRIP TO BOSTON, REQUESTED BY AYARI, IN ORDER TO HAVE ACADEMIC CONTACTS. OPIC IS SEEKING TO IDENTIFY POTENTIAL INVESTORS IN WASHINGTON, SAN FRANCISCO, LOS ANGELES AND BOSTON AREAS FOR PRIVATE MEETINGS WITH AYARI.

6. OPIC OFFICER TODD PARNELL WILL BE POUCHING MATERIAL REQUESTED IN PARA 4D OF REFTEL. KISSINGER

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